

# Proclamation



## DAY OF SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia believes in the importance of defending and preserving religious freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the District supports tolerance and values a rich and diverse community that is represented by different faiths and traditions around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, caring for others is a shared value that there are opportunities for citizens to volunteer, it is fitting to encourage the citizens of the District of Columbia to join together with the citizens of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland to participate in a regional day of service focused on hunger during the month of September; and

**WHEREAS**, in the District of Columbia from 2008 to 2010, 13 percent of all households – many of them households with children – were food insecure and didn't know where their next meal would come from; and

**WHEREAS**, faith-based organizations and community partners in the Mid-Atlantic region are sponsoring the day of service and these projects will benefit the District of Columbia and surrounding areas' hunger efforts:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2012 as a “**DAY OF SERVICE**” in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in this observance.

